

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe and claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 14-27 and 31 remain in this application. Claims 1-13, and 28-30 have been canceled. Claim 20 has been amended to correct an error in the claim.

The applicant has canceled the claims that were rejected by the Examiner. Furthermore, in a telephone interview conducted on July 16, 2001, the Examiner agree to withdraw his objection to claims 17-18, and 23-24. Furthermore, claim 20 was amended to correct an error. Accordingly, all claims in this case should be allowable as indicated by the Examiner, and thus it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. TSW-36321.

Respectfully submitted,
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